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Victoria Terrace

Wellington N.Z.

My dear Sir

Pray accept my thanks for the copy of your papers 'Notes upon North Am<sup>er</sup> Plants with Acc<sup>o</sup>ts of New Species' & 'Descriptions of their Species of Plants from Northern Mexico' kindly sent by you in the early part of the year. They are full of interest. I do myself the pleasure of enclosing copies of a few short papers on N.Z. Plants & specimens of a few new flora.

In a short list of 'Books for Sale' for wh<sup>ic</sup>h application is to be made to you I notice the following -  
"Botany of the Wilkes, U.S. Expl. Exp. Lichens by Tuckerman. Algae by Bailey & Harvey. Fungi by Curtis & Berkeley: Phanogamia of Pacific North America by Darby - Bound in one volume. half cloth"  
"Flora of the Wilkes Expl. Exp. by Sullivant. Bound."  
"Sullivants Icones Muscorum & scap<sup>u</sup>l<sup>u</sup>m in Sheets"  
129-81 plates

I should be glad to procure a copy of each, if it can be arranged for exchange. The abolition of the State Forests Dept. of N.Z. has left me entirely disengaged or I would have gladly purchased

I can offer a copy of the 'Forest Flora of N.Z.' folio issue - on thick paper handsomely bound 160 plates. The entire work will soon be out of print but only a few copies of this large paper issue were made up & they are already valuable. They were prepared for presentation only & are not to be

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purchased. A copy was recently forwarded to Professor Gradale so that in all probability you could soon determine if it would be worth your while to make the exchange.

I am preparing a few sets of U. L. Phænograms & Icons for sale - to contain from 500 to 1000 forms @ 45/- to 100. Two thirds of our Phænograms are endemic & owing to the progress of settlement some are already becoming rare. Would you kindly mention my intention to any likely subscribers?

The present Govt. does not regard scientific work with favourable eyes. The staff of the Colonial Museum has been reduced to such an extent that in the absence of the Director there is no person capable of giving an enquirer the slightest information with regard to any doubtful point or to assist in the identification of a plant, animal or mineral. The combined staff of the Geology Survey Dept & Col. Mus now consists of the Director (L. James Hector) one Field Hand, Secretary, Analyst, Engraver & Messenger. It wd not be easy to carry extend-ment any further.

Believe me to be

Yours truly

J. Kirk

Professor Lewis Watson

Curator of the Gray Museum  
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